



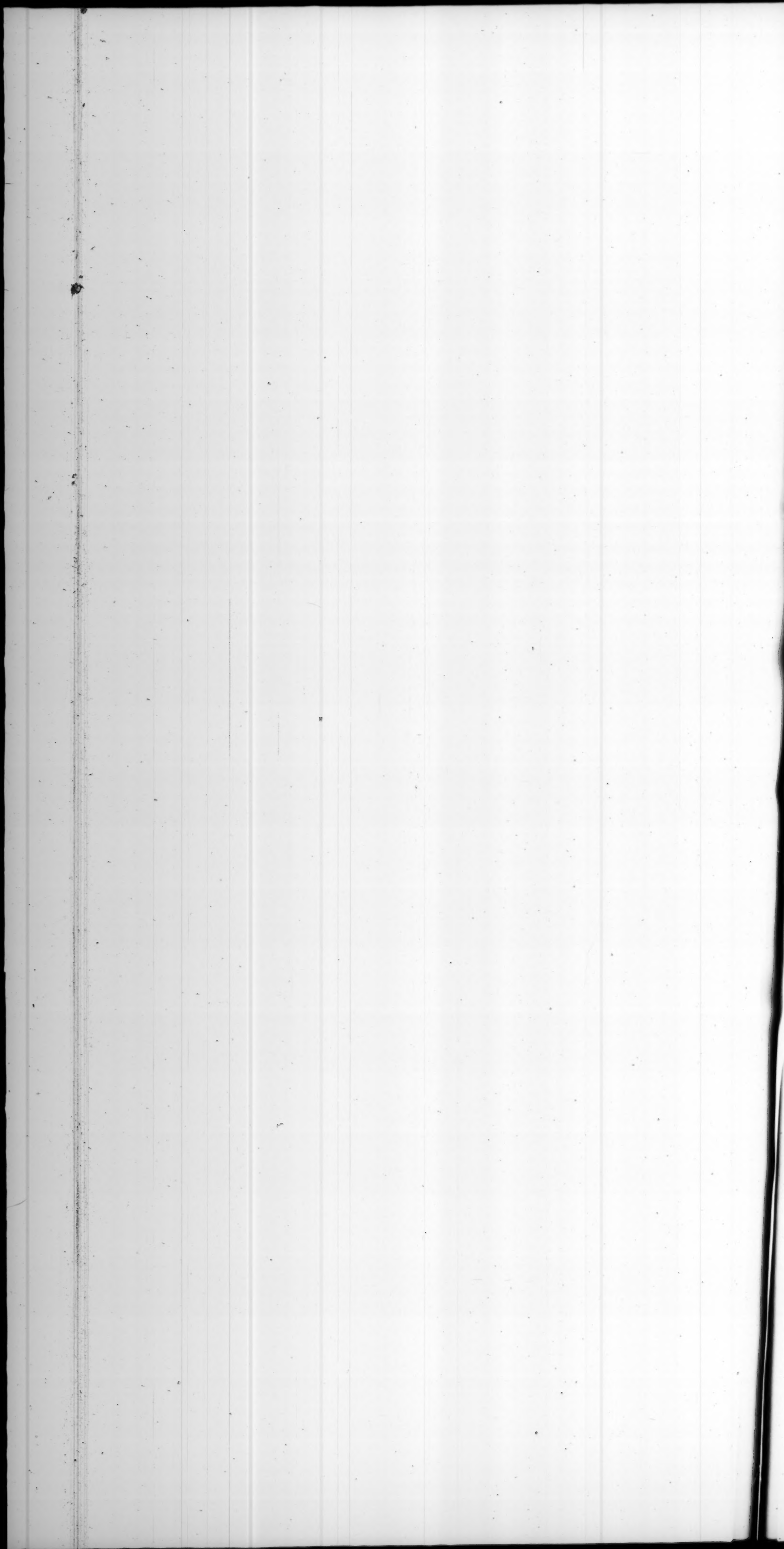
By the King.

A Proclamation against libellous and seditious Pamphlets, and Discourses sent from Scotland.



Hereas of late sundry base, false, seditious, and libellous Pamphlets and Discourses, as well Manuscripts, as in Print, have been sent from Scotland, and other parts of his Majesties Dominions, and spread and published in divers places of this Kingdom of England, especially in the city of London, which have been framed and contrived by factious spirits, and such as indeavour to cast most unjust and false aspersions and scandals upon his Majestie, and his Government, and upon his proceedings with his Subjects in Scotland, and to distemper and alienate from his Majestie the hearts of his well-affected Subjects, and such as otherwise are no way inclined to such seditious and disloyall courses; his Majestie having taken these disorders into serious consideration, & finding them of dangerous consequence to his Government, if some timely remedy be not applied, hath with the advice of his Privy Councell, thought fit to publish and declare, and by these presents doth publish and declare, that all and every person and persons of what degree or quality soever, now have or hereafter shall have any such libellous and seditious Discourse or Pamphlet, either in Manuscript or in Print, concerning his Majesties proceedings with his Subjects in Scotland, (other then such Relations and Discourses concerning the same, as have been published and printed by his speciall Licence and Authority) and shall not within ten dayes after the date of these presents, bring and deliver the same to one of his principall Secretaries of State; All and every such person and persons shall incur the uttermost of such punishments and penalties, as by the Lawes of this Realm are to be inflicted upon those that keep such scandalous and seditious Pamphlets and Papers.

And whereas there hath been of late a Pamphlet published in Print, intituled, An information from the Estates of the Kingdom of Scotland to the Kingdom of England, containing many most notorious falsehoods and scandals, to the dishonour of his Majesties proceedings with his Subjects in Scotland, sundry Copies of which printed Discourse have been sent from Scotland, and directed to divers of his Majesties Subjects in England, especially in the city of London,



And Whereas there have been very lately sundry Copies of that false and seditious Pamphlet reprinted and published in another Edition, and dispersed in the said City of London, and in sundry other parts of this Kingdom, His Majestie having acquainted the Lords of His Councell therewith, and caused the same to be read at the Board, and the said Lords, in detestation of so scandalous, seditious, and false a Discourse, having made humble suit to His Majestie, with one consent, that the same might be publikely burnt by the hangman; His Majestie therefore holding it most necessary, that some such publike demonstration should be made of so great and enormous an insolency, tending to raise mutinie and sedition in the Kingdom, is pleased to declare by these presents, That no person or persons hereafter, of what degree or condition soever, presume to keep any Copy of any of the Editions of the said Pamphlet, but that within ten dayes after this Proclamation published, every such person or persons dwelling in the Countrey remote from London, shall deliver to the next Justice of peace adjoining to his or their dwelling, all and every Copy and Copies thereof, of what Edition soever, the same to be by the said Justice of peace immediately sent or brought to one of His Majesties principall Secretaries, upon perill of incurring the uttermost of such punishments and penalties, as by the Lawes of this Realm are to be inflicted upon those that keep such scandalous and seditious Pamphlets and Papers; His Majestie hereby pardoning and remitting unto such persons as have formerly had any Copy of the said Discourse in their custodie, and shall deliver the same according to this Proclamation, all their offences for their former detaining thereof.

And if hereafter any seditious and scandalous Pamphlets of like nature, either Manuscripts or printed, concerning His Majesties proceedings in Scotland, or any other Relations or Discourses concerning the same, shall be published or divulged, other then such Relations or Discourses, as shall be printed or published by His Majesties speciall Licence or Authority, and that they shall come into the hands of any of His Majesties Subjects, who shall not within ten dayes after bring the same unto one of His Majesties principall Secretaries of Estate, if they into whose hands they shall come, be or remain in London, or within twenty miles distance of the same, or if they shall remain or be in parts more remote, shall not bring the said seditious Pamphlets or Discourses to one of His Majesties Justices of the peace, to be by him sent to one of His Majesties principall Secretaries of Estate, as aforesaid, His Majestie by the advice of His privy Councell doth declare, that then every person so offending, shall incur His Majesties high displeasure, and the uttermost of such penalties and punishments, as by the Lawes of this Realm are to be inflicted upon those that keep such scandalous and seditious Papers and Pamphlets, without pardon or remission.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the thirtieth day of March, in the sixteenth yeer of His Majesties Reign.



☚ God save the King.

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